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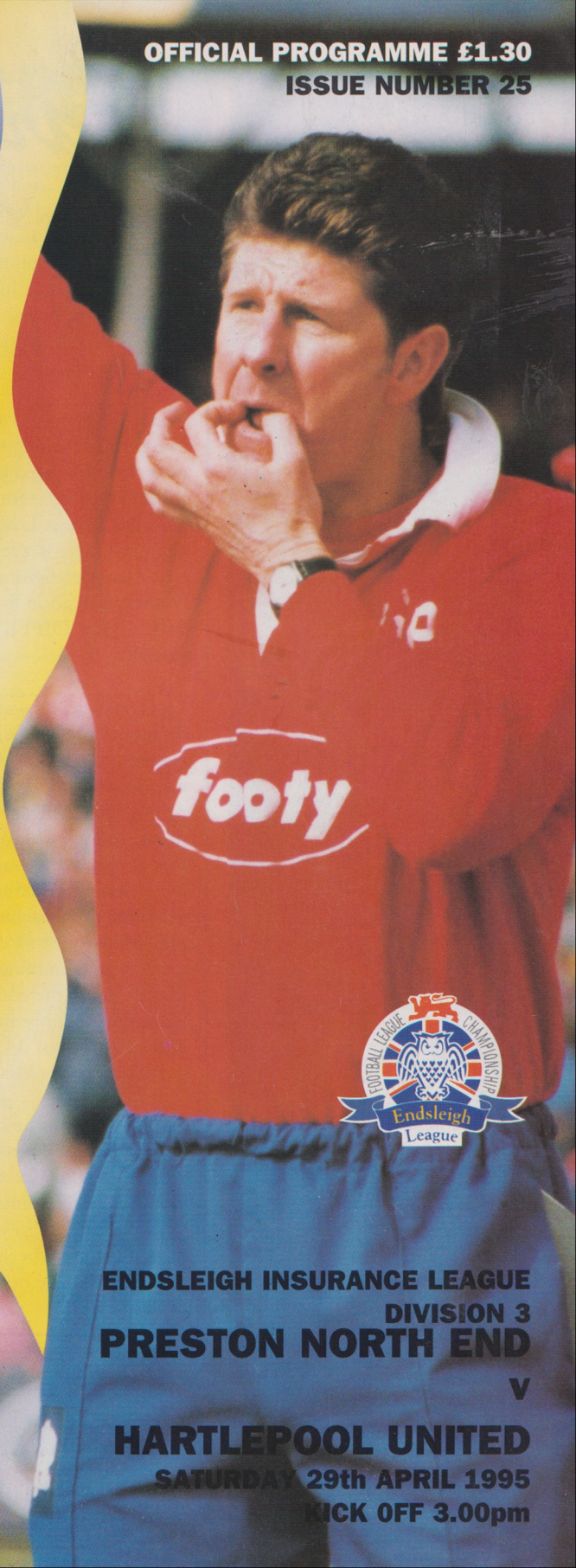

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Hello and welcome to Keith Houchen newly appointed Manager, his players, supporters and officials of Hartlepool United Football Club.

Again Hartlepool come to us in top form beating Carlisle away 1 - 0 followed by a 4 - 0 thrashing of Hereford last Saturday. Forget League positions, here is a team with a new Manager, fighting for contracts, in good form THIS WILL BE A DIFFICULT GAME.

Last weeks result was a great disappointment to all of you marvellous supporters, but I can assure you in our changing rooms the feelings were even more sombre. The lads felt that they had let you down, on a day that we could have been celebrating us reaching the play-offs against all odds, we were in fact counting our losses, seeing the end of an eleven match unbeaten run and also a run of 14 home games without a loss.

But let's look at the big picture, if three months ago when we were 16th someone told you we would be 5 points clear with 2 games to go you would have done cartwheels. We still feel that we have not been

playing that well but the lads have been battling and scrapping for points to get them into this position where our destiny is in our own hands. We are not going to let it go now. We need everyone of you cheering us on. We will be doing everything in our power to make it happen today. I will ask my players can they run any faster, jump any higher, tackle any stronger, pass any better, shoot any straighter. You must ask yourselves can I support with any more passion, shout any louder, sing with more voice. We are all in this together, what we achieve you achieve. WE ARE ONLY 11 BUT WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN BECOME INVINCIBLE.

GARY

Front Cover:

Gary Peters changing North End's Fortunes

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FROM THE SECRETARY

with Audrey Shaw

This Saturday we see the final home League fixture of the 1994/95 season and for many of our older supporters it will be an occasion of mixed feelings. We are looking forward to the development of the new West Stand and the facilities that this will bring to the Club, but I am sure for many of you the West Stand will hold many happy memories of the past and that you will be able to remember them with pride which I know we will all feel when the new West Stand has been completed. On Monday 8th May the reserves play Huddersfield Town in the last Pontin's League fixture of the season. With this day being a bank holiday and the very last chance to sit in the West Stand for a League fixture we will be opening the West Stand for this night to enable all supporters to take the opportunity of sitting in the famous old Stand. If we are involved in the play-offs the seating may be limited in this area so let's make Monday 8th May a special occasion and say our own personal good-byes to the West Stand.

On behalf of everyone at Deepdale I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you marvellous fans for the support you have given the Club this season both home and away. I think you will all agree that the home attendances speak for themselves and have not been bettered by any other Club in our Division. A tremendous achievement.

Audrey Shaw
Club Secretary.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

A reminder that the popular Family Fun Nights return to Deepdale on Monday (1st May) when the Reserves face York City Reserves, Kick-off 7pm.
There will be free snacks from Walkers for all children attending the game and once again, Deepdale Duck will be organising a FREE DRAW for a Pontins Family Break holiday which MUST be won by someone on the night.
Before the action starts, the Tea Time Club meets at 4.30pm and some First Team players will be in the Club Shop from 6.00pm to sign autographs.
Admission prices are £1.30 (seats) and £1.00 (terrace) for adults while juniors and OAP's will pay £1.00 (seats) or 50p (terrace).
And don't miss the last Family Fun Night of the season the following Monday (8th May) when Huddersfield Town Reserves are the visitors. Kick-off will be 7.00pm and the same admission prices will apply.

AWAY THE LADS

Saturday 6th May 1995,
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Official Programme
£1.20 available inside and outside the ground. Their are no current Scunthorpe fanzines in print.

Facilities
With just 2100 seats available behind the goals we are all under one roof with an unobstructed view.
Facilities are excellent as with all the new style grounds. Let's not be afraid to create some atmosphere.

Summary
Our last scheduled away fixture of the season but hopefully one more will follow before Wembley. Depending on today's results this could be so very important to both sides. Another massive turn out is essential and as usual with North End it is guaranteed.

Please support North End all the way to Wembley.
Wear your colours white, blue or yellow and let's be loud and proud.

Come on you whites.

Whose the boy with the monkey?

Can any of you North Enders guess the name of this youngster who celebrates his 40th birthday this week?
(See over the page for details).

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As the end of the season approaches, we are mindful of the pitch invasion that occurred after the Torquay match last May. Obviously the playing surface is now different and at the very least, a pitch invasion could damage the grass and at worst could cause injury to spectators and players alike.

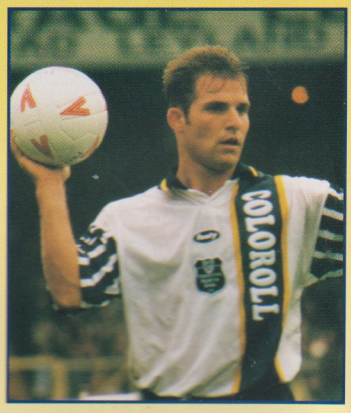
Preston North End is a well supported club, averaging gates in excess of 8,500 people. The majority of these supporters have been extremely well behaved at matches. Sadly though, a minority of supporters have sought confrontation with rival fans or drink to excess, with the result that 52 arrests have been made so far this season.

The vast majority of supporters would be appalled at a pitch invasion and the police will, therefore, enforce the legislation in relation to sporting events. As such, supporters are reminded that it is an offence for any person to go into the playing area or the perimeter track, except in emergencies or when instructed to do so by officials. Closed circuit television and hand held video camera will record events at the match and if offences are committed, the video tapes will be studied to identify offenders and arrests will follow.

Preston North End Football Club and the police are working together to create a safe and friendly environment for all supporters and it would be a great shame if the reputation of the club was out in jeopardy through the actions of a mindless few.

Have a good afternoon at Deepdale, enjoy the football, but remember KEEP OFF THE PITCH.

Best wishes on her 11th Birthday to Gemma Cherry. Prior to this afternoon's match, Gemma, along with her family, will be treated to a look behind the scenes at Deepdale, courtesy of our Community staff. No doubt Gemma will be giving a special cheer to Andy Fensome, her favourite player.



Andy Fensome

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Venue:- Preston College on the Astroturf Pitches. The Soccer School will be staffed by fully qualified coaches.

As this is a pilot scheme there are only 40 places available on the course, so all applications will be treated on a first come first served basis.

APPLICATION FORMS will be available from the PRESTON NORTH END CLUB SHOP from Saturday April 22nd 1995, and on other MATCH DAYS and throughout the normal weekly opening hours of the Club Shop. Applications can only be accepted by post and on the correct forms and no applications will be entertained over the phone.

Should your child be unsuccessful in gaining a place on the first soccer school please note that if this venture is the success we hope, then plans are being drawn up to set up similar Soccer Schools around the Preston area in the next few months, for all ages and hopefully we can accommodate all those children who wish to take part in this scheme.

If any parent/guardian has any queries relating to the proposed soccer school then the person to contact is:-
KEITH RAYMOND - TEL NO. 01772 - 703966

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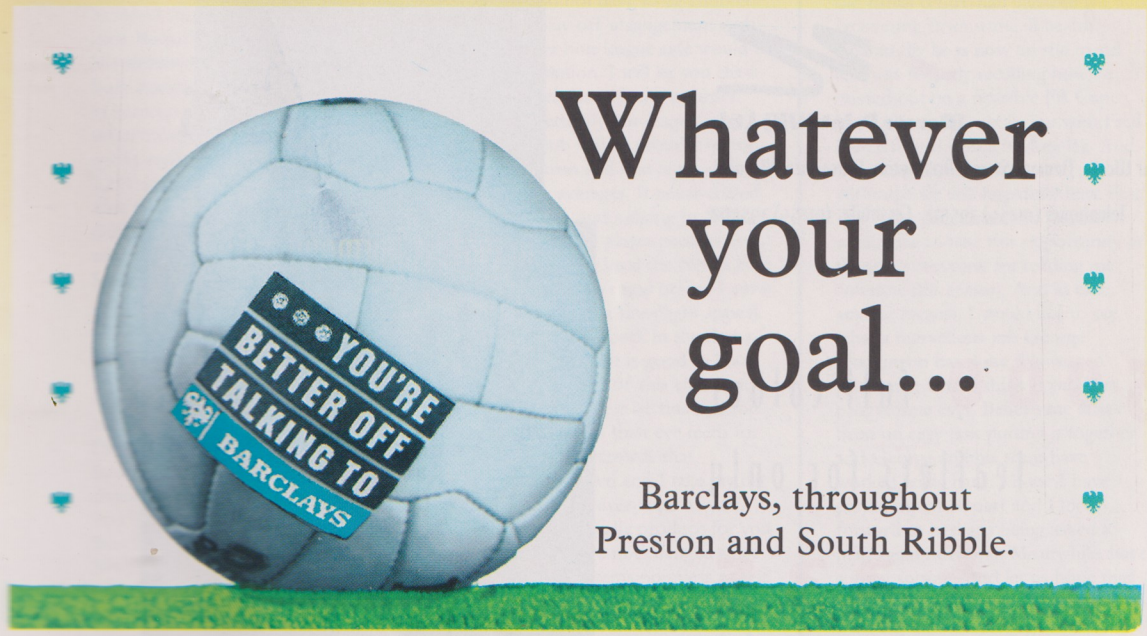
NEXT AT DEEPDALE

by David Lee

If everything goes according to plan, then the next game here at Deepdale should be on Sunday May 14th against either Walsall, Bury or Chesterfield. The final outcome of the battle to go up with Carlisle will probably not be decided until the last Saturday of the normal season, however, due to numerous changes in the fixtures, Walsall play their last game of the season on Thursday May 4th at Bury, so their fate will be known before that of Chesterfield and Bury.
At the start of the season, all three teams were reasonably fancied by the bookies and so it is no real surprise that all three are in their current position.
A look at the table in mid November showed that Bury were top with Walsall fifth and Chesterfield seventh (PNE were 16th at that time!!!). Form since mid November is shown (below).

Since then Bury have gone through a poor run of games which saw them slip down to seventh place, but they seem to have regained their early form and are producing the right results, including a recent victory over Carlisle.
Chesterfield currently occupy the coveted second spot, one point above Walsall and four in front of Bury. They have been the most consistent team in recent months and are perhaps the favourites to clinch automatic promotion. It is interesting to note that they can still catch Carlisle and have yet to play them at home. Like Preston they do not have any one player scoring their goals, which is a reflection of the team approach they have adopted this season.
All three teams have three games left to play with perhaps the most interesting being Bury v Walsall, which will probably have the most significant impact on the final outcome. Walsall have the more realistic chance of catching Chesterfield and a victory over Bury would keep the pressure on. Carl Lightbourne, their leading scorer with 26 goals so far is probably the best all round striker currently in the division, but Bury's capture of Phil Stant from Cardiff has given their prospects a real boost, having already scored 11 goals in as many games. The games today involving these three clubs are Darlington v Chesterfield, Lincoln v Bury and Walsall v Scunthorpe (who could certainly do PNE a favour by beating Scunthorpe!!). Without wishing to give it the kiss of death, see you on the 14th.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	Pts
Chesterfield	24	15	8	1	41	18	53
Walsall	24	16	4	4	47	22	52
Bury	24	9	9	6	42	30	36
PNE	25	13	8	4	36	19	47



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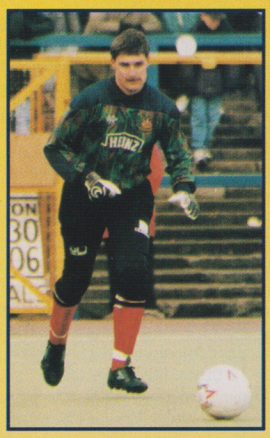
AROUND DIVISION THREE

With Mike Payne

North End's disappointing defeat against Torquay last Saturday still means that our fate is undecided, not only as to whether we make the play offs but who we will face if we do. In case you are unaware the team finishing third will play the team finishing sixth with the latter having the home leg first. The fourth placed team will play the team finishing fifth, so today's game is just as vital as all the other forty we have played this season. Hartlepool have a good record at Deepdale and their 4-0 home win over Hereford last week will give them great confidence. And well done to our own Steve Holmes who scored two goals for the Pool in that win. The new manager, Keith Houchen has taken over the club at a difficult time and all at Deepdale wish him all the best, after today of course.

There are still lots of issues to be settled in our division with Carlisle having to put their Wembley disappointment behind them to try to gain the point they need for the Championship and Chesterfield Walsall and Bury will continue to battle on for that coveted runners-up spot. Walsall's 3-0 win over Wigan last weekend was a vital result and Bury demolished Northampton 5-0 to keep up the pressure. It must be asked though whether the Bury public really want promotion as only 2,291 attended their game. A hat-trick from Chris Pike helped Gillingham to a 4-2 over Doncaster, which helped North End's cause but Scunthorpe recovered with a 3-1 win over the unfortunate Scarborough. Exeter still can't win at home. Barnet being the latest victors at St James Park. Darlington were another team who hit four goals as Rochdale were smothered at Feethams. Dougie Freedman still remains out in front in the goal chart for the division and it was a surprise not to find Phil Stant's name amongst Bury's five goals against Northampton. Kyle Lightbourne got one for Walsall and with Steve Wilkinson at Mansfield keeps up the pressure on the Barnet player. Back in August all those dreams of success were genuinely believed by all the clubs in the football league. For some it has come true, for some it has been a long hard slog, and for others the dream has been shattered by relegation. Unluckily for Macclesfield the terrible threat of relegation from our division was put on hold for this season, and I for one feel that the threat or expulsion hanging over a club should not have to be endured. Maybe a play-off arrangement with the premier non-league side would be a better solution. I will let you chew on that idea through the summer. There is certainly one league table that this club will sit proudly on top of this season and that is the one for attendance averages. It never ceased to amaze me, and judging by Martin Breen's excellent player profiles, the players too, how loyal the North End fans are. As I have said before I am a proud wearer of a floodlight appeal fund badge from back in the days of dark despair, and it is good to know how well thought of this club is now. The other members of this division would have given their eye teeth for the magnificent crowds that Deepdale has seen and I take my hat off to each and every one of you. The figures I usually produce for you at this point have not changed since last week so it seems pointless to put them in again. Suffice to say that we may be able to round everything up for you in the play-off programme should we need one.



Simon Farnworth
Stretchered off in his 100th consecutive game for Wigan. Wigan went on to lose 0-2 to Walsall.

Ex North Ender News

As regular readers know I usually end my piece with some news on ex North Enders and this week several players made the news in this division. Steve Holmes and Mickey Norbury were on target. Holmes with Hartlepool as I said earlier and Norbury with Doncaster. And also Neil Trebble hit a goal for Scarborough. At Walsall Simon Farnworth made his 100th consecutive appearance for Wigan since he left Deepdale although it ended in tears as he was carried off and will struggle to make it 101. Elsewhere Ian Stevens and Ronnie Jepson both scored in the same match between Shrewsbury and Huddersfield and two of our former goalkeepers were in opposition at Bramall Lane when Andy Kelly kept goal for Sheffield United whilst Mike Stowell was in the Wolves goal. Neither will remember their performances though as the game ended 3-3! And finally, I was talking to Harry Mattinson's brother-in-law last weekend and he tells me that our old fifties centre-half has been recovering from some ill health. Thankfully he is now on the mend and was recently recalling how he missed out on a possible FA Cup Final place after a collision with Fred Else left him with a broken leg. And Fred was his team mate!
Although we will hopefully have that one other programme to produce I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for reading my columns this season. And in case anyone forgets, I would like to say what a marvellous job George Hodkinson has done this year in producing what I think is our best programme ever. Believe me it has been no easy task putting it together and George and his team have worked really hard. I hope I have played my small part and I look forward to perhaps being asked to help again next year. Meanwhile, have a great summer and let us hope that we may be in Division Two again, with a chance of revenge over Wycombe Wanderers!

HERE TODAY

Between The Sticks.

Brian Horne.....Born in Billericay in October 1967 Brian started his career as an apprentice for the Lions before leaving for Portsmouth in December 1992 on a free transfer. Brian moved to the North-East to sign a two year contract with Hartlepool at the start of the campaign.

Steve Jones.....Twenty one year old keeper who signed a professional contract for Hartlepool in May 1992. He was a trainee at the Victoria Ground and during his apprenticeship he was named Northern Intermediate League Player of The Year in 1991-92. He made a name for himself in the first team towards the end of the 1992-93 season with some first rate performances and went on to make 28 League appearances last term. Good prospect for the future.

Steve Jones

Leading From The Back.

Tony Skedd.....Another player who has come through the youth ranks at Hartlepool, Tony is in his second full season as a professional with the club. Made a name for himself last term when he completed 21 games in the League. A very popular player at the club who looks to have a fine future ahead of him.

Stuart Ingram.....Sunderland born defender who served his apprenticeship at the Victoria Ground and signed a professional contract at the beginning of this season. Still only 18 years of age Stuart made his debut last term against Wrexham in November in Pool's 1 - 2 defeat and by the end of the campaign had appeared a further 12 times. His impressive performances led him to be named as the club's Young Player of The Year.

Chris Lynch

Chris Lynch.....Young defender who has had previous experience with Halifax. He joined Hartlepool in August 1993 and became a regular in the first team in the latter half of last season.

Ian McGuckin.....Club captain, Ian's impressive performances at centre-half have been attracting a number of scouts to the Victoria Ground this term. Still only 22, he is in his fourth season as a professional with the club after serving his apprenticeship there. He made his first team debut in a friendly match with C.S.K.A. Moscow at the age of 17 and now this strong defender has a regular place in the side. Middlesborough born, Ian was named as last season's Player of The Year.

Men In The Middle.

Scott Sloan.....Wallsend born midfield player who began his career with Berwick Rangers. After 20 goals in 58 full League appearances, Scott earned himself a £75,000 move to Newcastle United in July 1990. After just one season with the Magpies playing first team football with the likes of Gavin Peacock, Steve Howey and Lee Clark, Scott moved on to Falkirk. He joined Hartlepool last August on a free transfer and made his debut against Gillingham in the first game of this season.

Shane Reddish.....Signed earlier this season from Carlisle United. Shane began his career at Mansfield Town as an apprentice but unfortunately could not break into the first team. Just seven months after signing a contract with the Stags he moved to Doncaster Rovers on a free transfer. He made 60 League appearances for the Rovers before moving to Carlisle in July 1993. He made his Hartlepool debut in November 1994 against his old club Doncaster.

Keith Oliver.....Young midfielder who came through the youth ranks at the club and signed professional forms in July 1994. He made his League debut last term while still a youth player against

Keith Oliver

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HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Stockport County in the 0 - 5 defeat in March when he came on as a substitute. The South Shields born 19 year old is held in high regard at the club.

Mitch Cook.....Experienced midfielder/defender who was transferred from Blackpool in November 1994. The Scarborough born player started out at his hometown club but had to wait until a move to Darlington in August 1984 before making his League debut. From there he went on to Middlesborough (on loan), Scarborough, Halifax Town (on loan), Darlington and then Blackpool in March 1992. Up to the end of last term, Mitch had clocked up more than 250 full League appearances. He was signed to add experience to a young side and made his mark last week when he made all four goals in the 4 - 0 win over Hereford.

In Attack.

Keith Houchen.....Widely travelled and highly experienced striker who is in his second spell with Hartlepool. He started his career at Chesterfield as a junior before signing for Hartlepool on a free transfer in February 1978. After 65 goals in 160 full League appearances he moved on to Leyton Orient. The 34 year old then had spells with York City, Scunthorpe United, Coventry City, Hibernian and Port Vale before returning to Hartlepool in August 1993. His transfer fees throughout his career have amounted to almost half a million pounds and he has well over 500 League appearances and an F.A.Cup Winners Medal to his name. His vast experience led to the Hartlepool directors appointing Keith Player/Manager following the departure of David McCreery ten days ago.

Damien Henderson.....
Former Leeds United trainee who arrived at the Victoria Ground this season from Scunthorpe United. The 21 year old forward did not make any League appearances for his hometown club Leeds, and had to wait until a move to Scarborough in August 1993 to make his League debut. He moved to Scunthorpe just a few months later after 5 goals in 17 appearances for the Boro, and up to the end of last term Damien had added a further 15 full League appearances to his total. Henderson was on the mark twice last week in the 4 - 0 win over Hereford.

Nicky Southall.....A young player who has gained a great deal of experience since his move to Hartlepool in February 1991. He served his apprenticeship at Darlington but was released by them and joined the Pool on a free transfer. He made his League debut in the 1991/92 season and has since clocked up well over 100 first team appearances for the club. The 23 year old looks to have a fine future ahead of him.

Stephen Halliday

Stephen Halliday.....
Another player to come through the ranks of the Youth Training Scheme, the Sunderland born player made his debut last term and gained valuable League experience towards the end of the campaign. Stephen is described as a very highly rated young professional and has been attracting attention from several larger clubs. The 18 year old has already established himself in the side despite his tender age.

Paul Thompson

Paul Thompson.....Newcastle born striker whose career tends to have been hampered by injury. He made his League debut in the 1992/93 season, playing twice as substitute and scored one goal, and last term added a further 20 full appearances and 4 goals to his career total. The 22 year old is described as a strong forward with a powerful shot who has now become a regular first team player.

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MATT CARMICHAEL

AUTOGRAPH

PLAYER PROFILE

By Martin Breen

MATT CARMICHAEL
Born:- Singapore, 13.5.64
Age:- 30
Height:- 6ft 2ins
Weight:- 11st 07lbs
Previous clubs:- Lincoln City, Scunthorpe United, Barnet (Loan)

Do you have a nickname at the club?
Since I came here, Kevin Magee and Paul Raynor have been calling me 'Snags', but I don't know why. All the lads have been calling Paul 'Vincent' lately, because he looks like the beast out of Beauty and the Beast, with his gingery hair and beard. And his ugly face I suppose.

Where were you posted in the Army, before you joined professional football?
I started out in Germany, in the Royal Artillery. I was only out there for about six months, them I came back to England and went to Salisbury, where I stayed for three years. Then I got posted to the Training Depot at London and for the last two years of my time in the Army, I was a PTI there.

Did you find it a hard decision to leave the Army to join professional football?
No, not really. I was actually coming out of the Army and I'd just has all the tests and everything to join the Metropolitan Police. Football was something that just came up and I decided to give it a go, because if it didn't work out, then I'd still be able to join the police.

What was the standard of football like in the Army?
I played for both the army and the Combined Services teams and I thought it was a very high standard of football. I think six or so players from the team I left went on to play professional football, such as Guy Whittingham at Sheffield Wednesday and Steve Welsh at Peterborough United.

How did Lincoln City spot you?
At the time I was coaching some kids in Aldershot. Lincoln were doing a pre-season routine and they asked for some of the coaches to join in with some training sessions with the younger players. I did join in and I did quite well and I was asked to play for half an hour in a pre-season friendly that night. We won 4-0 and I scored one, so I was invited to Lincoln for a week and I just kept on scoring, so they signed me.

Your goal scoring record seems to suggest you mainly played in defence at Lincoln. Was that where you had always played previously?
Well I never played up front for the Army, I was always centre half. I played there for five years in the Army. In my first season at Lincoln, I was played as a forward for about 16 games and I scored 5 or 6 goals. In my second season there, Alan Clarke took over as manager and things went a bit downhill for me because I didn't really get on with him. He got the sack and then Steve Thompson took over. While Alan Clarke was in charge, I'd been playing at the back alongside Steve in the reserves and because he liked me playing there, he played me as a centre half in the first team, where I played for the next two and a half years. After that, Steve decided he liked me in midfield, because I could attack well from there.
When I went to Scunthorpe, I started off as a sweeper, then I was centre half, right back, midfield, up front, back to midfield, left back and all over the place!

Why did Scunthorpe play you at left back when you had just scored about 23 goals in 26 games as a centre forward?
Well Dave Moore, who was the player at Scunthorpe, took over the manager's job there and played me at left back for the last 14 games of the season. The regular left-back, Paul Mudd, had broken his leg and it was claimed that there was no-one else to play there, so I was stuck there for the rest of the season. I really wasn't happy playing there and it took quite a bit of getting over.

Given that you finished second highest goalscorer in the third division last season, were you surprised to be released?
Yes, I was a bit, because I still had a year of my contract to run and I thought I did quite well last season, but I struggled to get back in the side this season and I couldn't understand why. I tried my best in training and I scored a couple of goals for Scunthorpe this season, but for some reason, I just didn't feature in the manager's plans. So from scoring all the goals last season, I found myself out of the team altogether. I couldn't understand it and neither could the fans.

You were offered a 3 month contract here, with a view to a longer one after that. You'd been offered longer contracts at Torquay and Mansfield, so why did you prefer to come here?
Well I didn't really fancy going to Torquay because it's so far away. Mansfield couldn't seem to make their minds up. They offered Scunthorpe money for me, which was declined, but then Scunthorpe changed their minds and rang Mansfield to accept the offer. Mansfield then said they'd been in touch, but they never got back to me, so I rang them a few times but got no-where. But mainly, I think that this is the biggest club in the Third Division. Given the choice of playing in front of 10,000 or 2 or 3,000 and there's no comparison, so I thought it was well worth the gamble.

You make an impressive debut, scoring 2 goals in a 5-0 win against Bury. Did you expect to do so well so early?
Well when I came here, I told Gary Peters that I would score goals. I firmly believe in my ability to do that, as long as I can get the supply into the box. I don't think I would have fitted in while John Beck was in charge, because I don't think I would have got the right service, with the ball being launched into the corners all the time.

You've shown your ability in front of goal, but you have recently played at centre half and played very well. Do you find it easy to shift positions?
It took me about 3 years to play in every position at Lincoln, it took me about 6 months at Scunthorpe and it probably won't be long before I've played everywhere here! But we have a big squad here, so there's plenty of cover, which there wasn't at Lincoln and Scunthorpe. But I've played 150 league games at centre half, so it was never going to be a problem for me and I've played in other positions too, so I have the ability to slot in somewhere if need be, and do a decent job.

How do you feel when you run out at Deepdale and you see the Town End reception of ticker tape and balloons, such as before the Bury and Wigan games?
It's just different class, it really does give you a lift. Glanford Park, where Scunthorpe play, is a nice little tidy ground and if you can get a few people in there, you can make some good noise, like when we played Birmingham in the FA Cup and it was live on SKY TV. That's what this place is like every game. At times it can make you feel 10 feet tall. Mind you, if you're playing against it, you must feel a couple of inches tall!

Tell us about your tattoos?
(Rolls his sleeve up). I've got one of a dagger, a white rose one with mum and dad on it and my ex-wife's name on the scroll. I'm a bit fed up of them now though. I'm thinking of having the laser treatment done. They only cost me £10 to have done, but I'll probably spend about £200 getting them removed!

Finally Matt, is there anything you'd like to say to the fans?
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WE'VE MET BEFORE

By Lawrence Bland

We first met in a Division Four match at Deepdale on October 22nd 1985. 3,538 saw North End win 2 - 1. North End:- Platt, Twentyman, Jones.M., Welsh, Gibson, Martin, Keen, Foster (1), Greenwood (1), Rudge and Brazil. (unused sub was Chippendale).

Our record against Hartlepool is very poor. The above win is our only League win. The only away win was in the Sherpa Van Trophy Northern Semi-Final. 4,989 saw a 2 - 0 win on March 9th 1988. North End:- Brown, Miller, Bennett, Atkins (1), Jones.A., Chapman, Mooney, Swann, Jemson (1), Brazil and Joyce. (unused subs were Wrightson and Ellis).

The last meeting at Deepdale was on Saturday September 26th 1992, Les Chapman's last game as manager before being sacked. 4,347 saw United win 2 - 0. North End:- Farnworth, Davidson, Fowler.L., Tinkler, Flynn, Callaghan (sub Flitcroft), Ashcroft, Cartwright, Leonard, Ellis and James. (unused sub was Kidd).

The last meeting was at Hartlepool on October 15th 1994. 2,002 saw United win again, this time 3 - 1. North End:- Vaughan, Fensome, Sharp, Whalley (sub Cartwright), Hicks, Kidd, Ainsworth, Bryson, Sale (sub Fleming), Trebble and Atkinson (1). (unused sub was Richardson). Hicks and Kidd both received red cards towards the end of the game, as North End's losing run continued.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
League Home	4	1	1	2	3	7
League Away	5	0	2	3	3	8
Sherpa Van	1	1	0	0	2	0
Total	**10**	**2**	**3**	**5**	**8**	**15**

BYGONE DAYS

with Mike Payne

We played our last home game of the 1989-90 season on April 28th and ended with a 2 - 0 win against Swansea. A goal one minute after half time by the ever reliable Gary Swann set North End on the way to victory and when Neil Williams scored a second after 61 minutes the game was effectively over. Man of the match was Brian Mooney who gave the 6,695 crowd a dazzling performance and showed just why the Irish player was much sought after. One unusual occurrence happened in this game. When Swansea arrived at Deepdale they suddenly realised to their horror that they had left their kit at home and so we had the unusual sight of North End's strip being used by both sides. North End in the home colours and Swansea in our away strip! Our visitors today, Hartlepool, were also winning at home 2 - 0 , against Aldershot. Their goalscorers that day were Paul Dalton and Paul Baker and they had John Tinkler in their line-up who was later to join us here.

At this stage of the season ten years ago North End still had five League games to go and on April 27th 1985 they shared a goalless draw with Gillingham, the last result they wanted in their task to avoid the dreaded drop to Division Four, as it was then. Their eventual fate was sealed nine days later when they lost by 5 - 2 at home to Wigan. In the Gillingham game though Preston had no luck whatsoever and on a better day they would have hit at least three goals. Peter Hoghton should have scored and when both Nigel Greenwood and Geoff Twentyman hit the crossbar with headers you some how knew it was not going to be North End's day. On the same day Hartlepool were again at home to Aldershot, this time winning 1 - 0 thanks to a goal from Mark Taylor.

Exactly twenty years ago Preston were playing their last game of the season at Charlton Athletic. The Londoners not only won 3 - 1 but also clinched promotion to the Second Division. The match was full of incident. Preston took a tenth minute lead through Gordon Coleman, Charlton then missed a penalty when Bob Curtis's shot was easily saved by Roy Tunks before the home side took control in the second half. It seemed that Mark Lawrenson had headed Bobby Goldthorpe's effort off the line but the referee gave the goal and from then on Charlton were in charge. That old goal machine Derek Hales then scored two goals in the 66th and 75th minutes and Preston's season was over. As for Hartlepool, they had completed their programme three days earlier with a 4 - 3 home win over Barnsley. Bill Ward, with two, Malcolm Moore and Malcolm Dawes scored the goals to leave them in 13th position in the Fourth Division that year.

PAPER TALK

by Brian Ellis
Sports Editor
The Lancashire Evening Post

Sitting here writing this, with the sun beating down on the lush green pastures of Old Trafford Cricket Ground, it's easy to forget just how cold and miserable it can be watching football.

After a winter of chills and chillblains, THIS is the life! You can keep football, I've had it - at least for another season.

Yes, I suppose I get like this every April. Fed up of sitting in draughty press boxes, fed up of wearing thermals, fed up of trying to interview managers with a runny nose. Surely it doesn't have to be so unpleasant. Surely we can have summer soccer!

What's that? Play when the pitches are green, not muddy brown? When the spectators are dry and warm, not wet and shivering? It wouldn't be the same.

But that's just the point. Why does it need to be the same for evermore? Why does football have to accept the short straw from the appalling British weather? Why can't we break with tradition, use the summer months - or at least some of them - and sod everybody else?

Why not indeed. Rugby League has decided to switch to summer with the Super League, whatever effect it might have on the cricket season.

There will be Rugby Union this summer with the World Cup. The Formula One season is timed around the world to hit the best weather. They wouldn't dream of staging an athletics meeting when the track is frozen solid.

So why do WE put up with football in the dark and dank months of December, January or February?

I'm sure I've droned on before in this programme about having a decent mid-winter break so the pitches, the players and the spectators could all recover from the ravages of the climate.

But what I'm proposing now is much more than that.

Instead of resting halfway through the season when the weather takes a turn for the worse, why not START in March and play through the summer to October?

The pitches might not look so good at the beginning, but they wouldn't wear so much throughout a good growing season either.

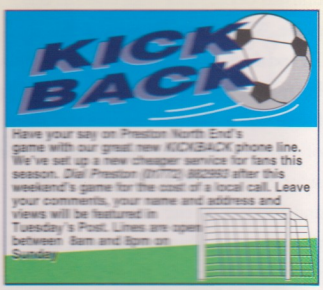
Crowds would surely be better because fans would be far more comfortable watching on decent afternoons and evenings - possibly even sunny ones at that.

And you really could make it a family game then - lay on a few extras like face painting and a daft duck jumping up and down!

Sound familiar? Well North End actually do that.....but on a freezing Monday night when most kids would rather be curled up at home with a good computer game.

You can't fault the club for trying. But, come on, what sort of picture of football are we painting for, hopefully, the next generation of supporters? Cold dark and damp. Hardly the atmosphere you would set out to portray if you were paying millions to some trendy agency to come up with an advert for football.

No, it has to be made more comfortable and, above all, warmer. Winter is definitely on it's way out as an open air sporting season. Never mind the clash with other things like RL and Cricket, there's enough room for everyone in summer.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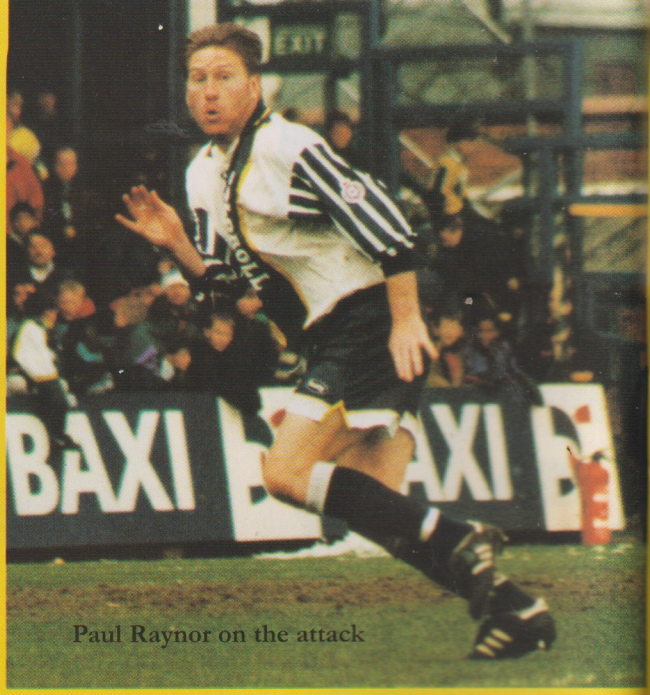
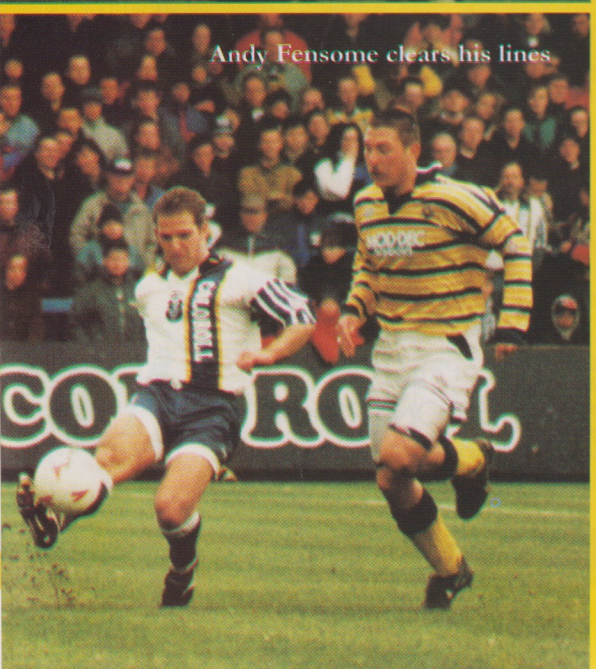


Paul Raynor on the attack



Andy Fensome clears his lines

Mike Conroy

ACTION...

PNE vs TORQUAY UNITED

Lee Cartwright tries to beat Tom Kelly to the ball

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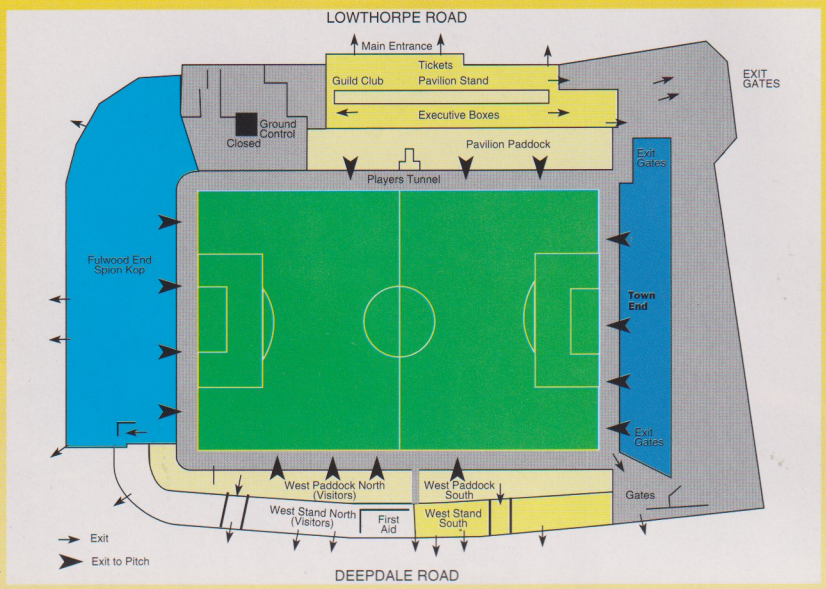

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FOCUS ON THREE

STEVE HOLMES RETURNS TO DEEPDALE

Steve Holmes who enjoyed a successful, yet short loan spell at the Victoria Ground was recalled by Gary Peters and could appear for North End against his team mates of just seven days ago. He scored twice last week in Hartlepool's 4-0 home win over Hereford United and is keen to impress Gary Peters and return to the heart of the Lilywhites defence.

The Endsleigh Insurance League Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	39	25	10	4	63	27	85
Chesterfield	39	22	11	6	58	33	77
Walsall	39	22	10	7	71	38	76
Bury	39	21	10	8	68	35	73
Mansfield	40	18	10	12	80	54	64
Preston	40	18	10	12	54	39	64
Scunthorpe	40	17	8	15	65	60	59
Doncaster	40	16	10	14	55	40	58
Colchester	40	16	9	15	54	61	57
Fulham	40	14	14	12	54	54	56
Barnet	40	15	11	14	52	57	56
Lincoln	40	14	11	15	51	51	53
Torquay	40	13	12	15	49	54	51
Wigan	40	13	10	17	50	57	49
Rochdale	40	11	14	15	43	62	47
Hereford	40	11	12	17	42	60	45
Darlington	40	11	8	21	42	54	41
Gillingham	40	10	10	20	45	61	40
Hartlepool	40	10	10	20	40	64	40
Northampton	40	8	14	18	40	64	38
Scarborough	40	8	10	22	48	67	34
Exeter	40	8	10	22	35	67	34

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION THREE TODAY'S FIXTURES

Barnet v Northampton
Colchester Utd v Carlisle Utd
Darlington v Chesterfield
Doncaster Rvs v Scarborough
Exeter City v Fulham
Gillingham v Hereford United
Lincoln City v Bury
Mansfield Town v Torquay Utd
Rochdale v Wigan Athletic
Walsall v Scunthorpe United

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION THREE NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Bury v Darlington
Carlisle Utd v Lincoln City
Chesterfield v Colchester Utd
Fulham v Rochdale
Hartlepool Utd v Mansfield T
Hereford Utd v Barnet
Northampton T v Exeter City
Scunthorpe Utd v Preston NE
Torquay Utd v Gillingham
Wigan Ath v Doncaster Rvs

DIVISION THREE ATTENDANCES

	Av.Att	Highest Att	Lowest Att
Preston North End	8483	11867 v Carlisle	6377 v Colchester
Carlisle United	7174	12242 v Bury	5141 v Torquay
Northampton Town	5047	7461 v Barnet	2466 v Hartlepool
Fulham	4197	6195 v Barnet	2729 v Scarborough
Walsall	4068	6219 v Chesterfield	3154 v Darlington
Chesterfield	3306	4884 v Northampton	2136 v Exeter
Colchester United	3274	6055 v Darlington	2239 v Walsall
Lincoln City	3244	6477 v Hartlepool	1969 v Colchester
Gillingham	3118	4677 v Fulham	2257 v Wigan
Bury	3070	5507 v Carlisle	2145 v Hartlepool
Torquay United	2990	4739 v Fulham	1492 v Scarborough
Mansfield Town	2931	5197 v Carlisle	2247 v Colchester
Scunthorpe United	2878	4785 v Lincoln	2079 v Scarborough
Doncaster Rovers	2691	4796 v Chesterfield	1611 v Exeter
Exeter City	2448	5538 v Torquay	1551 v Walsall
Hereford United	2344	3076 v Doncaster	1479 v Scarborough
Darlington	2291	3992 v Carlisle	1548 v Gillingham
Rochdale	2251	4012 v PNE	1471 v Darlington
Barnet	2221	3579 v Fulham	1325 v Exeter
Hartlepool United	1882	3854 v Carlisle	1354 v Doncaster
Wigan Athletic	1849	3618 v PNE	1231 v Chesterfield
Scarborough	1717	4266 v PNE	1179 v Scunthorpe

Up to and including 22nd April 1995

1994-1995 Appearances

	Lge	FAC	CCC	AWS
Ainsworth G	16	1	1	1
Atkinson G	7+7	-	-	-
Beckham DRJ (on loan)	4+1	-	-	-
Bryson JIC	39	3	1+1	2
Carmichael MA	6+2	-	-	-
Cartwright L	25+10	3	2	1+1
Conroy MK	22+3	3	1+1	-
Davey S	11	-	-	-
Emerson (now Chorley)	1+1	0+2	-	-
Fensome AB	40	3	2	2
Fleming TM	18+7	0+1	2	1+1
Hicks SJ (now Scarborough)	8	-	2	-
Holmes SP	4	3	-	1
Kidd RA	31	-	2	1
Lancashire G	7+8	-	-	-
Magee K	13	-	-	-
Moyes DW	36	3	2	2
Raynor PJ	32+4	3	1+1	2
Richardson B	17	3	2	1
Rimmer SA (on laon)	0+2	-	-	-
Sale MD	9+3	0+1	1+1	2
Sharp R	21	3	-	1
Smart AAC	17+2	2	-	-
Squires JA	11	-	-	-
Trebble ND (now Scarborough)	8+11	2+1	1	2
Vaughan J	23+1	-	-	1
Whalley DN (now Altrincham)	14+1	1+1	2	1+1

Ian Rigby writes.....

They played for both clubs

The subject of this afternoons article is none other than the fans favourite of the mid-1980's, John Thomas. A true soccer nomad, J.T started his professional career at Everton but did not play in the First Division. He had loan periods with Tranmere Rovers and Halifax Town before being transferred to Bolton Wanderers. Spells at Chester and Lincoln City followed before signing for Preston North End in June 1985 for £15,000. Although J.T. got off to a flying start by scoring in both his first two league games for his new club he must have wondered just what he had let himself in for as the season progressed because North End hit rock bottom and had to apply for re-election at the end of the season. On a personal note his performances and goals won the fans over and he was duly voted player of the year. Things could only get better on the pitch and so it proved as manager John McGrath & Co tackled the 1986-87 season with new found enthusiasm. It coincided with the first season that the infamous plastic pitch was used. John did his reputation no harm at all, scoring the first league goal on plastic as well as the first hat-trick, which came about when PNE came from behind to beat Halifax Town 3-2. Thomas became a cult hero on the Deepdale terraces as he struck up a good partnership with Gary Brazil. This pair of predators scored 46 league and cup goals between them as North End gained promotion as runners-up to Northampton Town. Having got promoted John, wanting to better himself, was transferred to Bolton Wanderers where he carried on scoring. After two successful seasons at Bolton he went on to West Bromwich Albion before re-signing for Preston North End in February 1990. With just four games played at the start of the 1990-91 season John Thomas broke his leg in a bone-crunching tackle at Burnden Park, Bolton within the first minute of the game. He was out of action for nigh on 12 months and was never really the same again. After being released by PNE J.T had trials at Huddersfield Town prior to him signing for Hartlepool United. Next stop was Halifax before signing on for near-neighbours Bamber Bridge. He missed their ATS Trophy triumph due to injury but he is back in training. John saw PNE at Wembley last season and said he is looking forward to going back there again at the end of this season, hoping for a different result this time.

JOHN THOMAS

JOHN THOMAS
League Career

		Apps (INC. SUBS)	Goals
Everton	1978-80	-	-
Tranmere (on loan)	1978-79	11	2
Halifax (on loan)	1979-80	5	-
Bolton Wanderers	1980-82	22	6
Chester	1982-83	44	20
Lincoln City	1983-85	67	20
PNE	1985-87	78	38
Bolton Wanderers	1987-89	73	31
WBA	1989-90	18	1
PNE	1990-92	27	6
Hartlepool Utd	1992	7	1
Halifax Town	1992-93	12	-
	Total	**364**	**125**

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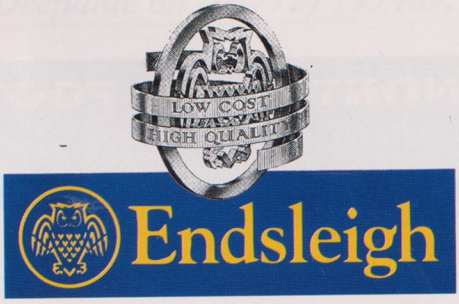

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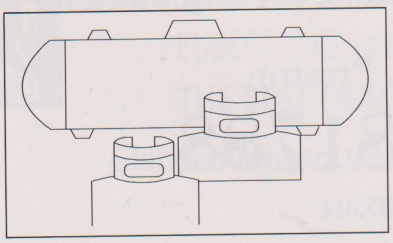

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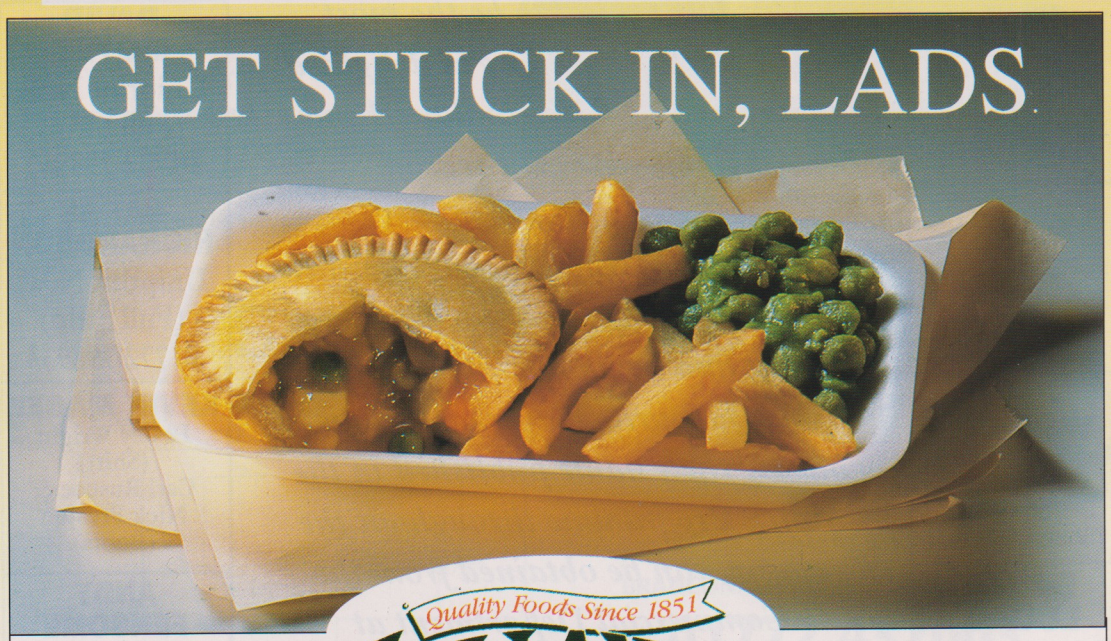

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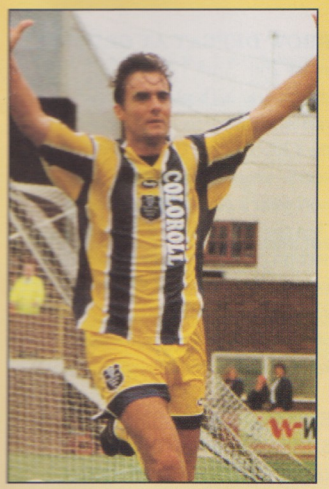
PLAYER OF THE YEAR EVENING

writes Steve Lamb

At a time when play-off prospects hang in the balance, it's nice to be able to report that at least one man will have a good cause to celebrate tonight, whatever the result of today's match. That man is the one voted 'Player of the Year' by PNEOSC members, the man who will be receiving the highly-coveted trophy (and accompanying modest prize) at the PNE social event of the year tonight in the Guild Club. Now I'm not going to let the cat out of the



Mike Conroy

bag by telling you who has won, for two very good reasons. The first is that I just love to keep people in a state of suspense, so I'd be really rather pleased with myself right now if it weren't for the second reason, which is that I'm writing this article 'last Sunday' and as the voting is still going on even I don't know who has won. However I have been asking people over the last few weeks

Lee Cartwright

David Moyes

who they were likely to be voting for, so it's a fair bet that those pictured are in with a shout.

Who do you think is the likely winner? One or two people have tried to work out if there's a pattern to what sort of player wins the trophy. The theory is that attackers win the trophy during 'good' (i.e. promotion) seasons, with defenders doing better in 'bad' (i.e. relegation - or

Ian Bryson

just avoiding it!) seasons.
This theory doesn't explain how one player managed to win in both a relegation season and again in the following 'getting to the play-offs' season, but as he now likes to be beside the seaside we won't mention him here. One previous winner is still with the club, so a repeat performance isn't out of the question, but has this been the right sort of season for Lee Cartwright to win again? Perhaps nationality makes a difference. The last non-English player to win was a certain Brian Mooney back in 1989 - will the trophy this year be going to one of the Scottish contingent who have played such a vital role in North End's progress this season? If the 'good season/bad season' theory holds true, then a full back wouldn't be expected to win. Has Andy Fensome won enough people over to confound the theory? Will the excellent performances of the last few games stick in people's minds and make them vote for John Vaughan?

All will be revealed tonight! It's not too late to get a ticket - just pop into the Portakabin on the Lowthorpe Road car park, give us five pounds and we'll give you a ticket.
There may even be some on the door.

Andy Fensome

You'll have the chance to rub shoulders with the players, wiggle about to some horrible loud music, drink some of that terrible alcohol stuff, try some of my delicious cucumber sandwiches and generally have a good time. (You don't have to have the sandwiches if you don't want to.)

Hope to see you there!

John Vaughan

PRESTON NEOSC

Bob Bamber IN RESERVE

OWLS GAIN REVENGE AT HILLSBOROUGH

Tuesday, 18th April 1995
Pontins Central League
Division Two
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY RESERVES 8
Sinton 6, Barker 8, Bright 21, 28, 81 (pen), 85 Poric 22, Williams 73

PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES 0
H T 5-0

Sheffield Wednesday fielded a strong side and gained ample revenge for North End's emphatic 3-1 victory at Deepdale earlier this season, considering only three YTS players started the match this was a bit of a drubbing to say the least.

North End found themselves 5-0 down inside an hour and were completely outplayed, with the score at 2-0 Richard Lucas had a powerful header inches over the bar from an Atkinson cross, whilst Raymond Sharp swivelled inside the area and shot narrowly wide. Kevin Magee was Preston's best player causing trouble down the left putting in several good centres but that was about it from Preston as an attacking force as Wednesday went well and truly on the rampage.

North End sent on Chris Borwick and Kevin Kilbane for Kenny Weston and John Calligan respectively but things changed very little, Calligan fired a shot into Keys' body but the 'Owls' then took full control again Mark Bright finally helping himself to four goals, one a penalty to complete his hat-trick after Andy Sinton had been brought down by Kyle Hayton. He also had the luxury of firing a spot-kick on to the crossbar after Borwick had brought down Watts. A night best forgotten has our hosts let everyone in for free so they could only estimated the crowd at around 1,000.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY RESERVES
Key, Petrescu, Briscoe, Linighan, Watts, Stewart, Poric, Williams, Barker, Bright, Sinton, - Subs Donaldson for Barker, Jones for Petrescu, Kearn (GK)

PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES - Richardson, Corcoran, Sulley, Weston, Hayton, Sharp, Atkinson, Lucas (R), Calligan, Sale, Magee. - Subs Kilbane (K) for Calligan (45 mins), Borwick for Weston (45 mins), Lucas (D) (GK).

Many thanks to Jason Dickinson of Sheffield for his help for the match report..

NARROW DEFEAT AT GRIMSBY

Thursday 20th April 1995.

Young 1st year YTS player Simon Stewart made his Pontins League debut for the Club and Ian Clarke from the Newcastle area was included in the side. Preston went a goal behind in the first half but they equalised six minutes into the second period through John Calligan to give us some hope but Grimsby netted again to make the final score 2-1 to leave us pointless, a disappointing week for our Reserve side.

PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES - Lucas (D), Stewart, Corcoran, Hayton, Sulley, Borwick, Weston, Kilbane (K), Calligan, Sale, Clarke. - Subs Bingham, McKenna, Harrison (GK).
Attendance - 180

THE PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO APPEARANCES
+ = SUB APPS. (30 GAMES PLAYED)

LUCAS (R)	22+3	HOLMES	15	SULLEY	15
SQUIRES	14	FLEMING	14	HICKS	13
WHALLEY	13	ATKINSON	13	RICHARDSON	13
KILBANE (K)	11+7	MAGEE	11+1	EMERSON	10+2
CHALLENDER	9+1	TREBBLE	9	CARTWRIGHT	9
CALLIGAN	8+3	SALE	8	CORCORAN	7+2
AINSWORTH	7	SMART	7	LUCAS (D)	7
VAUGHAN	6	RAYNOR	6	BORWICK	5+4
KIDD	5	CONROY	5	SHARP	5
WESTON	5	HAYTON	4+2	WELSH	4
CARMICHAEL	3	LANCASHIRE	3	BINGHAM	3
POTTS	2+2	McMENEMY	2+1	NORBURY	2+1
RIMMER	2	BAMBER	2	MATTHEWSON	2
McGLASHAN	2	BROOKS	2	MADUKA	2
McKENNA	1+2	KENNEDY	1	WATKISS	1
BLACK	1	BECKHAM	1	LEONARD	1
BRYSON	1	COOK	1	MYALL	1
MOYES	1	DARBY	1	FENSOME	1
BROWN	1	O'HANLON	1	LANGFORD	1
KERR	1	WOGHTERS	1	HARVEY	1
EINARSSON	1	KILBANE (F)	1	SHAW	1
McCRONE	0+1				

UNUSED SUBS - HIGHAM, HARRISON (GK), TAYLOR

GOALSCORERS

TREBBLE	6	CONROY	4 (2 pens)	CARTWRIGHT	4
CARMICHAEL	3	CALLIGAN	2	AINSWORTH	2
SMART	2	LANCASHIRE	1	KILBANE (K)	1
CHALLENDER	1	KENNEDY	1	RAYNOR	1
McGLASHAN	1	WELSH	1	MADUKA	1
SHAW	1	WESTON	1 (pen)	HAYTON	1
ATKINSON	3				
LUCAS (R)	2				
BECKHAM	1				
HOLMES	1				
WHALLEY	1				

43 GOALS SCORED

THE PONTINS LEAGUE FIXTURES 1994/95

DATE		OPPONENT	VENUE	FA	Att
Tue Aug	16	Manchester City	A	0-1	975
Mon Aug	22	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2	522
Wed Sept	7	Hull City	A	2-1	122
Wed Sept	14	Middlesbrough	A	2-2	210
Mon Sept	19	Mansfield Town	H	1-1	608
Mon Sept	26	Birmingham City	A	0-3	609
Wed Oct	5	York City	A	0-1	182
Mon Oct	10	Leicester City	H	2-1	1367
Mon Oct	17	Port Vale	H	1-1	1126
Wed Oct	26	Blackpool	A	2-1	578
Mon Nov	7	Grimsby Town	H	2-2	1050
Wed Nov	16	Barnsley	A	0-1	248
Mon Nov	21	Newcastle United	H	1-2	3073
Wed Nov	30	Port Vale	A	0-0	229
Mon Dec	5	Manchester City	H	0-1	1619
Mon Dec	12	Oldham Athletic	H	1-1	818
Wed Jan	11	Sheffield Wednesday	H	3-1	2125
Wed Jan	18	Huddersfield Town	A	1-1	176
Mon Feb	6	Barnsley	H	1-1	1554
Mon Feb	13	Newcastle United	A	3-6	416
Wed Feb	22	Blackpool	H	1-1	2507
Wed Mar	8	Bradford City	H	5-2	831
Mon Mar	13	Birmingham City	H	2-1	1595
Thur Mar	16	Burnley	A	1-2	467
Wed Mar	22	Middlesbrough	H	5-4	1076
Mon Mar	27	Hull City	H	2-1	932
Mon Apr	3	Burnley	H	2-2	1092
Tue Apr	11	Bradford City	A	1-1	114
Tue Apr	18	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-8	N/A
Thur Apr	20	Grimsby Town	A	1-2	180
Mon Apr	24	Leicester City	A	0-2	
Wed Apr	26	Mansfield Town	A	6-0	
Mon May	1	York City	H	Average	
Mon May	8	Huddersfield Town	H	Home Att. 1424	

John Calligan
scored North End's equaliser at Blundell Park

PNE YOUTH

by John Draper

These notes will be the last ones for this season's League games, but maybe by the time today's game is over we will know whether we will have an extra game at Deepdale in the play-offs and therefore an extra programme will have to be produced. This will allow me to be able to report and set down the line-ups for the two remaining games. To complete the season statistics etc.

Blown It!

I have just received the latest League table from "The Lancs Football League" up to and including our game at Tranmere A 3 - 2 defeat, this has allowed Blackburn Youths to overtake us at the top due to their two wins in the week-ending

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TOP FIVE PLACES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn Rovers B	32	20	6	6	66	30	66
Preston North End B	34	19	7	8	88	51	64
Manchester City A	30	19	5	6	78	34	62
Liverpool B	31	18	4	9	73	47	58
Manchester United B	31	17	6	8	86	41	57

(15/4/95). Now two points in front and two games in hand they must be favourites. The result against Tranmere was a bitter blow for our Youths and at the time of writing these notes, it now looks like we will have to hand over The Championship Cup to a new Champion.

Looking Back Over The Season A personal Candid View.

Although disappointed with losing top spot in the League, we can look back at the 1994/95 season and conclude that it has been successful in one respect - the fact that a lot more of the first year YTS lads have been given the chance to show their talents at an early stage in football, career wise they have advanced forwards quicker than any other set of juniors I can remember at Deepdale.

The reason for this I think is the fact that two lads Richard Ellis and Tony Powell left the club after only one years youth training at the end of last season. And coupled with sadly long term injuries to Gilbert Brooks and Paul McMenemy which diluted at times to only 4 2nd year players available for selection, this allowed the first year lads the chance to show their talents which have at times been outstanding, so much so that some of them have gained themselves a place in the Club's Reserve side, unheard of in previous seasons. Well done lads!

Kevin Kilbane and Chris Borwick who have been offered professional contracts

Another elevating success this season has been the outstanding achievement of goalkeeper David Lucas who after only about 6 months on YTS was offered and accepted a professional contract, also being honoured to be chosen as goalkeeper substitute for England's Youths. Another plus mark for the lads is the fact that most likely they will finish up as the League table shows now, leading scorers in the 2nd Division (to date of writing 88 from 34 games).

A personal resentment of mine is the disappointing trend in 'The Lancashire League' - Division 2 Ruling, that clubs can use two over-age players in the youth teams for coaching purposes. This rule is not being used in the spirit of the game, in fact it is being used in a negative way giving senior players a run out after injury, thus denying youth players a game. (Now I have got that off my chest!). What will remind me in years to come of the 1994/95 Youth Season? Probably foremost the tremendous spirit within the team for fighting back to win games after being behind at half time. Also the tremendous feeling of involvement and closeness with the youth set up. This seems to have been generated by the accommodation available at our temporary 'away-home' ground at Warton. For a get together over a cup of tea or coffee, the accommodation in the form of a tea room/cafe. Call it what you like! but the parents of 1st year player Paul McKenna took the initiative and started up catering. Supplying brews, bacon/egg/sausage on a bun etc., at a reasonable price. This seemed to bring everybody together, players, families, children, supporters who had travelled to B.A.E. Sports on Bank Lane, Warton for the game, something that never happened at Deepdale due to perhaps the fact that everybody seemed to be spread out over the ground.

Regarding personnel it was sad to see Gavin Nebbling leaving us at the start of the New Year to return to London, Chris has now working along side him David Hamilton, they both are doing a good job as proof is the advancement of our first years as mentioned. It all reassures us that once again we can look forward to another successful season for our youths in 1995/96.

Thanks for reading about and supporting our youth.

THE LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO FIXTURE AND RESULTS 1994 - 95

DATE			OPPONENT	VENUE	F-A
AUG	13		Rochdale 'A'	A	5-0
	15	*	Burnley 'B'	A	4-5
	20		Stockport 'A'	H	7-0
	27		Wigan Ath 'A'	A	1-1
SEPT	3		Crewe Alex 'A'	H	3-1
	6	*	Man City 'A' *	A	1-1
	17		Bolton W 'A'	A	0-1
	24		Chester City 'A'	A	6-0
OCT	1		Liverpool 'B'	H	5-4
	8		Bolton W 'A'	H	2-0
	15		Man United 'B'	A	2-2
	22		Marine Youth	A	4-0
	29		Everton 'B'	A	0-1
NOV	5		Everton 'B'	H	2-2
	19		Tranmere R 'B'	H	4-2
	23	**	Burnley 'B'	H	4-3
	26		Blackburn R 'B'	A	0-0
DEC	3		Blackpool 'B'	H	4-3
	17		Blackburn R 'B'	H	1-1
1995					
JAN	7		Bury 'B'	H	3-2
	14		Wigan Ath 'A'	H	1-3
	28		Liverpool 'B'	A	2-2
FEB	4		Rochdale 'A'	H	1-0
	15	*	Oldham Ath 'B'	H	1-0
	18		Man United 'B'	H	3-2
	25		Man City 'A'	H	0-1
MAR	4		Stockport C 'A'	A	4-2
	11		Marine Youth	H	4-1
	18		Oldham Ath 'B'	A	1-2
	25		Bury 'B'	A	2-1
	29	**	Carlisle United 'A'	H	3-1
APR	1		Blackpool 'B'	A	2-3
	8		Carlisle United 'A'	A	4-1
	15		Tranmere Rovers 'B'	A	2-3
	22		Chester City 'A'	H	2-1
	29		Crewe Alex 'A'	A	

* = GAMES PLAYED MID-WEEK

** = GAMES PLAYED MID-WEEK AT B.A.E. SPORTS CLUB - PRESTON

Ian Rigby on PRESTON NORTH END

Date		Opponent	Venue	Result	Att	1	2	3	4	5
AUG	13th	Darlington	A	0-0	3315	Richardson	Fensome	Fleming	Whalley	Hicks
	20th	Hereford United	A	2-0	3039	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks
	27th	Barnet	A	1-2	2441	Richardson	Fensome	Fleming	Whalley	Hicks
	30th	Bury	A	0-0	3623	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Squires
SEP	3rd	Lincoln City	H	4-0	8837	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Squires
	10th	Fulham	A	1-0	5001	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks
	13th	Gillingham	A	3-2	2555	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley#	Hicks
	17th	Darlington	H	1-3	8484	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd#	Whalley	Squires
	24th	Doncaster Rovers	A	1-2	3321	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Squires
OCT	1st	Walsall	H	1-2	7852	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley(1)	Squires
	8th	Scunthorpe United	H	0-1	6895	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks
	15th	Hartlepool United	A	1-3	2002	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Whalley*	Hicks
	22nd	Colchester United	A	1-3	3015	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Whalley	Hicks
	29th	Exeter City	H	0-1	6808	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Whalley#	Holmes
NOV	5th	Mansfield Town	A	2-1	2602	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Squires*
	19th	Northampton T.	H	2-0	7297	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
	26th	Chesterfield	A	0-1	3191	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
DEC	10th	Hereford United	H	4-2	6581	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
	17th	Barnet	H	1-0	6429	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Emerson	Kidd(1)
	26th	Rochdale	H	3-0	10,491	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Kidd(1)
	31st	Scarborough	H	1-0	8,407	Richardson•	Fensome	Sharp#	Cartwright	Kidd
JAN	2nd	Torquay United	A	0-1	3,770	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Cartwright	Kidd
	10th	Colchester United	H	2-1	6,377	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Cartwright	Kidd
	14th	Carlisle United	A	0-0	10,684	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Cartwright	Kidd
	21st	Mansfield Town	H	2-1	8,448	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Cartwright	Kidd
	24th	Wigan Athletic	A	1-1	3,618	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp*	Cartwright (1)	Kidd
FEB	4th	Chesterfield	H	0-0	8,544	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Kidd
	11th	Northampton T.	A	1-2	5,195	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Kidd
	18th	Carlisle United	H	1-0	11,867	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Kidd
	28th	Walsall	A	2-2	4492	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Kidd
MAR	4th	Doncaster Rovers	H	2-2	9624	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Kidd
	11th	Fulham	H	3-2	8601	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Beckham (1)	Kidd
	18th	Bury	H	5-0	9626	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Beckham	Kidd
	21st	Exeter City	A	1-0	2057	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Beckham	Squires
	25th	Lincoln City	A	1-1	5487	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Beckham	Kidd (1)
APR	1st	Gillingham	H	1-1	9100	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Raynor	Squires
	8th	Scarborough	A	1-1	4266	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Raynor	Squires
	15th	Wigan Ath.	H	1-0	10238	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Cartwright	Kidd
	17th	Rochdale	A	1-0	4012	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Cartwright	Kidd
	22nd	Torquay United	H	0-1	9173	Vaughan	Fensome	Fleming	Cartwright	Kidd*
	29th	Hartlepool United	H							
MAY	6th	Scunthorpe United	A							

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PLAY-OFF DATES
Semi Final 1st Leg
Sunday 14th May 1995
2nd Leg
Wednesday 17th May 1995
Play-off Final
Saturday 27th May 1995

COCA-COLA CUP

AUG	17th	Stockport County (at Bury)		1-1	2385	Richardson	Fensome(1p)	Fleming	Whalley	Hicks
AUG	23th	Stockport County	A	1-4	4547	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks

AUTO WINDSCREEN SHIELD

SEP	27th	Chester City	H	1-1	3328	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley#	Squires
NOV	8th	Bury	A	0-1	1756	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes

F.A. CUP

NOV	14th	Blackpool (Rd 1)	H	1-0	14036	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
DEC	3rd	Walsall (Rd 2)	H	1-1	9767	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
DEC	13th	Walsall (Rd 2 Replay)	A	0-4	6468	Richardson	Fensome*	Sharp	Whalley	Holmes

FACTS & STATS 1994-1995

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK
Moyes	Ainsworth	Cartwright	Raynor	Trebble	Bryson	Sale	Squires	O'Hanlon
Moyes	Ainsworth	Cartwright	Raynor*	Sale(1)	Fleming	Conroy(1)*	Squires	O'Hanlon
Kidd	Ainsworth	Cartwright	Trebble*	Conroy#	Bryson	Sale(1)*	Raynor#	Vaughan
Moyes	Ainsworth	Bryson	Raynor	Sale	Conroy	Fleming	Cartwright	Vaughan
Moyes(1)	**Ainsworth(1)**	**Bryson#**	**Raynor**	**Sale(1)**	**Conroy***	**Fleming***	**Cartwright#**	**Vaughan**
Moyes	Ainsworth#	Bryson	Raynor	Sale	Fleming*	Trebble(1)*	Cartwright#	Vaughan
Moyes	Ainsworth	Bryson	Raynor*	Sale(2)	Fleming(1)	Trebble*	Cartwright#	Vaughan
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson**	**Raynor**	**Sale***	**Fleming**	**Trebble(1)***	**Cartwright#**	**Vaughan**
Moyes	Ainsworth	Bryson	Fleming(1)	Trebble	Raynor	Hicks	Cartwright	Vaughan
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson#**	**Sale**	**Trebble**	**Raynor***	**Fleming***	**Cartwright#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson**	**Sale***	**Fleming**	**Raynor**	**Trebble***	**Atkinson**	**Vaughan**
Kidd	Ainsworth	Bryson	Sale#	Trebble	Atkinson(1)	Cartwright*	Fleming#	Richardson
Moyes	Cartwright#	Bryson	Trebble(1)	Conroy*	Atkinson	Sale*	Fleming#	Richardson
Moyes	**Fleming**	**Bryson**	**Raynor**	**Conroy***	**Atkinson**	**Sale***	**Cartwright#**	**Richardson**
Moyes	Fleming	Bryson	Raynor	Conroy(2)	Atkinson	Sale	Whalley*	Richardson
Moyes(1)	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson***	**Raynor(1)**	**Conroy**	**Trebble#**	**Emerson***	**Fleming#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	Trebble*	Bryson	Smart	Conroy	Kidd	Emerson	Raynor*	Lucas(D)
Moyes	**Magee(1)#**	**Bryson(2p)**	**Smart***	**Conroy(1)**	**Raynor**	**Rimmer***	**Fleming#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	**Cartwright**	**Bryson**	**Smart***	**Conroy**	**Raynor**	**Rimmer***	**Fleming**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	**Magee#**	**Bryson**	**Smart(1)***	**Conroy(1)**	**Raynor**	**Lancashire***	**Atkinson#**	**Vaughan**
Moyes	**Magee**	**Bryson**	**Smart(1)**	**Conroy***	**Raynor**	**Lancashire***	**Atkinson#**	**Vaughan•**
Moyes	Ainsworth*	Bryson	Smart#	Lancashire	Atkinson	Trebble*	Conroy#	Lucas (D)
Moyes	**Magee***	**Bryson**	**Smart(1)#**	**Lancashire**	**Raynor**	**Trebble (1) #**	**Atkinson ***	**Lucas (D)**
Moyes	Magee#	Bryson	Smart*	Lancashire	Raynor	Trebble *	Atkinson #	Richardson
Moyes	**Magee#**	**Bryson (1)**	**Smart (1)***	**Lancashire**	**Raynor**	**Trebble ***	**Atkinson #**	**Richardson**
Moyes	Ainsworth	Bryson	Smart#	Lancashire	Raynor	Trebble*	Fleming#	Richardson
Moyes	**Magee***	**Bryson**	**Smart#**	**Lancashire**	**Raynor**	**Atkinson***	**Trebble#**	**Richardson**
Moyes	Ainsworth*	Bryson	Smart (1)	Atkinson	Raynor	Magee	Trebble*	Richardson
Moyes	**Magee***	**Bryson**	**Smart#**	**Conroy (1)**	**Raynor**	**Atkinson***	**Lancashire#**	**Richardson**
Moyes	Davey	Bryson	Smart*	Conroy (1)	Raynor (1)	Atkinson	Lancashire*	Richardson
Moyes	**Davey (1)**	**Bryson**	**Lancashire#**	**Conroy**	**Raynor***	**Beckham* (1)**	**Smart#**	**Richardson**
Moyes	**Davey**	**Bryson***	**Raynor (1)**	**Conroy (1)**	**Magee**	**Cartwright***	**Smart**	**Richardson**
Moyes (1)	**Davey**	**Bryson**	**Carmichael (2)**	**Conroy (2)**	**Magee**	**Cartwright**	**Smart**	**Richardson**
Moyes	Davey	Bryson (1)	Carmichael	Conroy	Magee*	Cartwright	Raynor*	Richardson
Moyes	Davey	Bryson	Carmichael*	Conroy	Magee#	Cartwright#	Raynor*	Richardson
Moyes	**Davey**	**Bryson**	**Carmichael (1)#**	**Atkinson**	**Magee***	**Carwright***	**Smart#**	**Richardson**
Moyes	Davey	Bryson (1)	Carmichael*	Conroy	Cartwright	Atkinson	Lancashire*	Richardson
Moyes*	**Davey**	**Bryson**	**Smart (1)#**	**Conroy**	**Raynor**	**Carmichael***	**Lancashire#**	**Richardson**
Squires	Davey (1)	Bryson	Smart*	Carmichael	Raynor	Conroy#	Lancashire*	Richardson
Squires	**Davey**	**Bryson**	**Smart**	**Conroy#**	**Raynor**	**Carmichael***	**Lancashire#**	**Richardson**

MIKE CONROY
North End's leading goalscorer

PNE Goalscorers 1994 - 1995

	Lge	FAC	CCC	AWS		Lge	FAC	CCC	AWS
Conroy	10	1	-	-	Fleming	2	-	-	-
Smart	6	1	-	-	Fensome	-	-	1p	-
Sale	5	-	-	-	Ainsworth	1	-	-	-
Bryson	5(2p)	-	-	-	Atkinson	1	-	-	-
Trebble	4	-	-	1	Cartwright	1	-	-	-
Moyes	3	-	1	-	Davey	2	-	-	-
Carmichael	3	-	-	-	Magee	1	-	-	-
Kidd	3	-	-	-	Whalley	1	-	-	-
Raynor	3	-	-	-	Own Goals	1	-	-	-
Beckham	2	-	-	-	(Greenall, Lincoln)				

ALLAN SMART
scored seven goals in his short spell

Moyes	Cartwright	Kidd	Raynor	Trebble#	Bryson*	Conroy*	Sale#	O'Hanlon
Moyes(1)	Ainsworth#	Cartwright	Sale*	Conroy	Fleming	Raynor*	Bryson#	Vaughan
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson**	**Sale**	**Trebble(1)***	**Raynor**	**Fleming***	**Cartwright#**	**Vaughan**
Moyes	Trebble	Bryson	Raynor	Sale	Fleming*	Welsh	Whalley*	Richardson
Moyes	**Ainsworth#**	**Bryson**	**Raynor**	**Conroy(1)***	**Trebble**	**Sale***	**Whalley#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	**Trebble#**	**Bryson**	**Smart(1)**	**Conroy**	**Raynor***	**Emerson***	**Fleming#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	Cartwright	Bryson	Smart	Conroy	Raynor#	Emerson*	Trebble#	Lucas(D)

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PRESTON NEOSC

Player of The Year Award
Well tonight's the night. Yes, the player of the year award will kick-off at 8.00 o'clock this evening, here at Deepdale in the Guild Club.
For the bargain admission price of just £5.00 you will be the recipient of music provided by Glen Miller - none other than North End's roving reporter on Family Fun Nights - a buffet, second to none (and for the benefit of the players - there will be no pasta anywhere in sight). But the best part of the night must surely be the chance to meet your favourite players. Oh and then there's the presentation of the award - one lucky guy will be going home with the knowledge that - you the supporters of the club we all love - have chosen him to be the recipient of this years award. At the time of writing I know who this will be, but I'm sworn to secrecy and only offers of vastly gross sums of money will tempt me to reveal the name of the winner before tonight's event!
If you still haven't acquired your ticket for "The Event of the Season" then rush out after today's match to the portakabin or club shop and pick up your ticket, or if that is too much trouble then just turn up on the night and we will relieve you of your money on the door.

The West Stand
Today sees the last League game of the season here at Deepdale. For many who sit in the West Stand this game will provoke many memories of games that they have seen over the years from their particular seats in the West Stand. Memorable games which have seen Preston in all four divisions, they have been privileged to see some remarkable players both in style and ability and personality and I am sure that everyone will have their own particular favourite episode. They have seen fences come and go and for many I am sure that the terrible tragedy at Bradford is still in the memory. There have been some upsets too and many fans were annoyed when they were ejected from their seats for games such as the F.A.Cup match against Blackpool.
Well hopefully the new development will put an end to all that (the upsets I mean) - I for one hope that the erection of the new stand has begun just in time to see Preston North End on their way up the four divisions. That leaves the fans just one more opportunity to say good-bye to the Deepdale that we have all come to love and cherish - all right the facilities are decrepit - but who cares when the lad's out there on the pitch are winning we are all too busy cheering them on to notice the surroundings.
So with the play-offs looking imminent let's turn the West Stand into a sea of blue, white and yellow - let's say good-bye to the old stand in style and with the team in for a great performance to rival the Torquay match of last season let's go out in style. After this match the builders will move in and part of Deepdale will become a building sight for the next few months. But the new stand will be worth the wait, with facilities to suit everyone and not just for use on matchdays. The facilities in the new stand will be available for public use whenever Preston are not at home - thus providing sporting and catering facilities for the local community and those travelling from further afield.

A.G.M.
The date of this season's A.G.M. has not yet been set but details will arrive in the post along with your next news letter. If you wish to become a member of the O.S.C. or just want to know more about us then you can contact us via box 15 here at Preston North End.

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity of saying thank you - on behalf of all Preston North End fans - to everyone behind the scenes here at Deepdale for all the hard work and effort this season. It's easy to just appreciate the front men - Gary and the team being the obvious ones - but much hard work goes on behind the scenes and we are all appreciative of this.

(Right)
Happy Birthday to Paul Raynor
Twenty-nine years old today!!

Baxi on the Ball.

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TEAM CHECK

PRESTON NORTH END

COLOURS: WHITE & BLUE

1. JOHN VAUGHAN
2. ANDY FENSOME
3. TERRY FLEMING
4. LEE CARTWRIGHT
5. RYAN KIDD
6. JAMIE SQUIRES
7. SIMON DAVEY
8. IAN BRYSON captain
9. ALLAN SMART
10. MIKE CONROY
11. PAUL RAYNOR
12. MATT CARMICHAEL
14. GRAHAM LANCASHIRE

GK. BARRY RICHARDSON

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

COLOURS: ALL BLUE

1. BRIAN HORNE
2. STUART INGRAM
3. CHRIS LYNCH
4. KEITH OLIVER
5. IAN McGUCKIN captain
6. TONY SKEDD
7. MITCH COOK
8. SHANE REDDISH
9. KEITH HOUCHEN
10. DAMIEN HENDERSON
11. NICKY SOUTHALL
12. PAUL THOMPSON
14. STEPHEN HALLIDAY

GK. STEVE JONES

Referee:
M. A. Riley
A group accountant with Yorkshire Water Plc.

Linesmen:
G. Atkins

J. P. Smith

Reserve Official:
S. J. Kelly

TODAY'S MASCOT

Iain MacDonald who lives in Kirkham. He attends St. Michaels C.E. School and his favourite player is Lee Cartwright.

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